



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

July 9, 2019

The Honorable Donald Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

As Mayor of Washington, DC, my greatest responsibility is to provide for the safety of our residents and national visitors, as well as to lead the region in performing the unique task of providing daily security to our federal leaders and facilitating security at large national events such as the Presidential Inauguration. As we prepare DC's budget proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, I want to highlight certain funding pressures the District anticipates within the Emergency Planning and Security Fund (EPSF) through FY 2021, and ask for your commitment to reimburse the District for our public safety support to the federal government.

Recent estimates by the District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) project that the EPSF will be depleted before the end of FY 2019, leaving overages of over \$6 million. These overages can be attributed to declining reserves, increased demand for heightened security, and a one-time draw down of \$7.3 million to cover security costs associated with the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. This large, one-time cost has been compounded by Congress only appropriating approximately \$13 million to the EPSF for the past few years (when our annual expenditures near \$16.5 million), and some unplanned large events such as the state funeral for the late President George H.W. Bush.

Considering this accruing deficit, our projections indicate that the EPSF will be depleted following your additional July 4th holiday activities and subsequent first amendment demonstrations. The accrued amount for the July 4th holiday totals approximately \$1.7 million. It is critical that the EPSF is fully reimbursed for these funds to ensure the District can uphold proper security and support during the remainder of the fiscal year without incurring a deficit for federal activities. As we continue to gather estimates for the next Inauguration, we ask for your help with ensuring the residents of the District of Columbia are not asked to cover millions of dollars of federal expenses and are able to maintain our high standards of protection for federal events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".
Muriel Bowser
Mayor